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Kazantzakis Chair Benefit
Gala *Macedonian* Dinner Dance

On Saturday, May 4, 1991, the Modern Greek Studies Foundation will hold its annual gala dinner benefit for the Kazantzakis Chair. Income from the the Kazantzakis Chair endowment supports the Modern Greek Studies program at San Francisco State University.

Consider the offerings of the program, offerings suited to entice our palates and to indulge in the Hellenic spirt: **Sotiris Kitrilakis** of Peloponnese Foods and **Angel Stoyanof** of Stoyanof's Restaurant, will prepare a five course Macedonian Feast, modeled after the region's fourteenth century cuisine (see menu on page 2); live music and dancing will be on hand to add to the sensuous pleasures of the evening; a silent auction and a display of privately owned Macedonian artifacts will be among the highlights of the evening.

The event will take place at the Community Center of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Ascension, which co-sponsors the event, in Oakland. Complimentary cocktails will be served at 6:30 PM, followed by the gourmet Macedonian dinner at 7:30 PM.

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GOLD OF GREECE
Exhibit and Symposium

Over two hundred pieces of fine jewelry and ornaments from the collections of the **Benaki Museum** in Athens will be on exhibit at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco, April 20 - June 30, 1991. Dating from the Mycenean Age to the mid nineteenth century, these representative pieces demonstrate the role that gold jewelry and ornaments had in identifying class status, as symbols of victory or glory and as offerings to the gods. Details in ornamentation, in complimenting gold with silver, brass or semi-precious gems and in sculpted symbols reflect both the period and the influence of other cultures of the age.

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Greek Independence Day Celebration



On March 23, 1991 the United Hellenic Societies of Northern California and the Center for Modern Greek Studies presented an outstanding artistic/cultural program on the occasion of the 170th Anniversary of Greek Independence: *GREECE THROUGH THE AGES.* Staged at the McKenna Theater on the San Francisco State University campus, the program, under the direction of **Thanos Simos**, included "The Orbit of Seasons," a classical one act dance drama featuring the **Peninsula Ballet Theater** of San Mateo.

The Byzantine segment featured the choirs of **Annunciation Cathedral** and the **Holy Trinity Church**, under the direction of **Athena Tsougarakis**. The segment on the Greek War of Independence featured the award-winning **Minoan Dancers** of Marin County *(pictured above)* with dances celebrating the spirit of 1821.

Narrators **Dimitri Carapanos** and **George Marchi** contributed significantly to the program with readings from historical and poetic texts. His Excellency, **Vasilios Matzoris**, Undersecretary to the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Technology was special guest from Greece in this inspiring and well-attended celebration.

Kazantzakis Dinner, cont'd

Individuals and organizations who would like to support the programs of the Center for Mdern Greek Studies and the goals of the Modern Greek Studies Foundation can best show their concern by attending this event or making a contribution to the Foundation. Contributors will be listed in the program as *Sponsor, Patron, Benefactor,* and with a donation of $ 5000.00 or more, as *Great Benefactor.*

Reserved seats are $ 100.00 per person. For more information, or to place reservations, please call John Frangoulis at (415) 530-9291 (evenings) or Virginia Lagiss at (415) 851-0270. Reservations must be made by **May 1, 1991.**

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APPETIZERS

PASTOURMA PLAKI OF KASTORIA GIANT BEANS
FLORINA ROASTED SWEET PEPPERS, KOZANI SOUTZOUKAKIA
PIQUANT MUSSELS KAVALA STYLE MELITZANOPITA

APERITIF: MACEDONIAN TSIPOURO

FIRST COURSE

OCTOPUS IN RED WINE SAUCE LAKE PRESPA SMOKED TROUT KAVALA LAKERDA

WINE: ASYRTIKO, MT. VERTISCO

SALAD

WILD GREENS WITH LIGHTLY PICKLED VEGETABLES AND FENNEL VINAIGRETTE

MAIN COURSE

ROAST PORK, LANGADA STUFFED WITH PRUNES, FIGS AND HAZELNUTS, SEASONED WITH WILD HERBS, GLAZED WITH POMEGRANATE GLAZE SERVED WITH SMOKED EGGPLANT AND SAFFRON RICE PILAF

WINE: XYNOMAVRO, NAOUSA

DESSERTS

THESSALONIKI "HOME STYLE" HALVA
ORANGE REVANI WITH CREAMY MANOURI
MINIATURE CUSTARDS WITH QUINCE PRESERVE

GOLD OF GREECE, cont'd

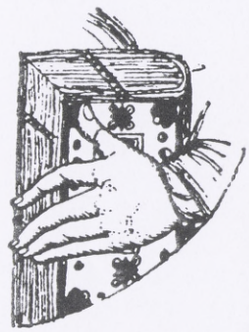
On Saturday, June 8, 1991, a symposium will take place on Greek Gold designs, sponsored jointly by the **Modern Greek Studies Foundation** and the **Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco**. The speakers will be Dr. J.K. Anderson of UC Berkeley Renee Dreyfuss of the Fine Arts Museums. The event will begin at 2 PM at the Legion of Honor, the sight of the *GREECE OF GOLD* exhibit. A reception with appetizers and wine donated by **Peloponnese Foods**, and a docent led viewing will follow the lectures. For more information, contact Athena Vutiritsas at (415) 564-0483; Virginia Lagiss at (415) 851-0270; or Mary Thodos at (415) 345-9713.

Modern Greek Studies Courses at SFSU Fall 1991

GRE250	**Modern Greek I** (1st Sem) Instructor: Effie Kalafatis Class begins Aug. 31	TTh 12-2 PM
GRE365	**Modern Greek III** Instructor: Effie Kalafatis Class begins Sept. 3	T 3:30-6 PM
PHIL504	**The Byzantine Religious Tradition** Instructor: Rev. Dr. Leonidas Contas Class begins Sept. 4	W 6:30-9 PM
WCL815	**The Odysseys of Kazantzakis and Homer** Instructor: Thanasis Maskaleris Class begins Sept. 4	W 3-6 PM

Members of the community are welcome to enroll in the above courses. For details, please call the Center for Modern Greek Studies at (415) 338-1892 or the department of Classics at (415) 338-2068.

Byzantine Tradition Courses



The Center for Modern Greek Studies is very pleased to announce that beginning in Fall 1991, courses on various aspects of Byzantine Civilization will be offered periodically. We are especially pleased that the first such course will be taught by the **Rev. Dr. Leonidas C. Contos**, Spanos Prof. of Orthodox Studies at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, and Vicar General of the Diocese of San Francisco (see above listing of classes for the scheduled course time and location). For more information, please contact the Center (415) 338-1892.

Harry Mark Petrakis at Kazantzakis Chair Spring 1992

Author Harry Mark Petrakis is now firmly scheduled to be visiting professor at the Kazantzakis Chair in the Spring semester, 1992. Details will be given later...

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Messenian Proceeds Donated to MGSF

The **Pan Messenian Society - Navarino** held a dinner dance on February 2, the proceeds from which were donated to the Modern Greek Studies Foundation in support of the Kazantzakis Chair/Modern Greek Studies program at San Francisco State University. The Foundation and the Center are grateful to the **Messenian Society** for the support given to our goals and programs.



The Messenians presenting a check to the MGSF. Left to right: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kastoras, Mr. George Konstantopoulos, Senator Nicholas C. Petris, President, MGSF, Mr. Elias Frangos, President of the Messenians, Prof. Thanasis Maskaleris, and Mrs. Vasso Pappas.

Orthodox Music Concert For Annunciation Cathedral

The **Capella Romana** of Portland, Oregon, conducted by **Alex Lingas** will perform an evening of Orthodox Music on Friday, April 26, 1991 at St. Ignatius Church in San Francisco. Beginning at 8:00 PM, the concert will include Byzantine Chant, Medieval and Renaissance Polyphony and twentieth century choral music by Desby, Lingas, Rachmaninoff, Stravinsky, Zes and Taverner.

The Annuciation Cathedral of San Francisco, the sponsor of this event, lost its church building in the October 1989 earthquake; all proceeds from this concert will benefit the church's rebuilding fund. Advance tickets are $ 12.00 for adults and $ 8.00 for students and seniors. At the door, tickets will be $ 15.00 for adults and $ 10.00 for students and seniors. For more information , please call the Cathedral at (415) 861-0057.

HAPS 1991 AXION Award

The recipients for this year's **AXION** award "for exemplary service to their profession and the community," presented by **Hellenic American Professional Society of Northern California**, were **George M. Marcus**, chairman of the board of the MGSF, and **George Maneatis**, President of P.G. & E. The Center and the Foundation congratulate the recipients for this much deserved recognition. ***Axioi!***

Macintosh Needed

The Center for Modern Greek Studies needs a Macintosh (preferably a Mac Plus) to produce ***Mandatophoros***, flyers and other publications. Such a donation would be tax-deductible. Please call (415) 338-1892 if you can help.

Yannis Ritsos 1901-1990

·10. Τὸ νερὸ

Ἀπ' τὸ βράχο λίγο νερό, ἁπ' τὴ σιωπὴ ἁγιασμένο,
ἀπ' τὸ ξαγρύπνι τοῦ πουλιοῦ, τὴ σκιὰ τῆς πικροδάφνης.

Κρυφὰ τὸ πίνει ἡ τσεφλιριὰ κι ὁ λαιμὸς σηκώνει
σὰν τὸ σπουργίτι κι εὐλογᾶ τὴ φτωχομάνα Ἑλλάδα.



10. THE WATER

From the rock very little water, sanctified by silence,
by the vigil of the bird, by the shade of the oleander.

In secret the Klephtic-band drink it and lifting up their throat
like the sparrow they're blessing the penniless mother-Greece.

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Dear Friend,

On May 4, 1991 the Modern Greek Studies Foundation will hold its annual fundraising dinner in support of the Center for Modern Greek Studies at San Francisco State University.

Since 1981 the Foundation has been actively working to provide support for the academic and cultural programs of the Center by establishing an endowed Chair in Modern Greek Literature, History and Culture. In 1983 the Nikos Kazantzakis Chair was inaugurated. Significant progress has been made as the Modern Greek Studies Program continues to make major strides forward. With the contribution of a generous benefactor, and the dedicated efforts of members and supporters, we have raised $348,000 of the $500,000 needed to fully endow the Chair.

We are proud that the Kazantzakis Chair is one of only a few Modern Greek Chairs in the United States. But we need your help. We are appealing to you because we believe you share our interest and dedicaiton in ensuring that Hellenic culture and traditions live on. Won't you help us meet our commitment?

Invitations to our May 4, 1991 Gala have been mailed. This year we will feature and highlight the cuisine and culture of Macedonia. In preparing our program, names of Sponsor, Patron and Benefactor will be acknowledged. A donor of five thousand or more will be designated as Great Benefactor. Your contribution to the Modern Greek Studies Foundation will continue to foster Hellenic Letters and Culture. We need your support.

Sincerely,

George M. Marcus
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Join us today - your support is greatly appreciated!

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